

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended. The claims presently pending in the application are 1-13, inclusive.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

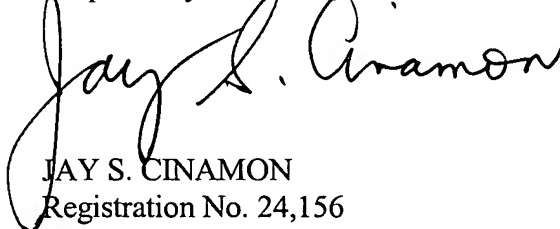
Applicants have amended step (b) of claim 1 to recite "in the presence of hydrogen gas". This should serve to overcome the §112 rejection. Accordingly, its withdrawal is respectfully solicited.

Applicants enclose herewith a substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(a). The substitute specification contains no new matter, and there are no new changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record.

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees which may be due, and which have not been submitted herewith, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,


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